

# Tree Identification

## Douglas-Fir

(*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)

**Bark:** Gray and smooth with resin blisters on young trees.

**Elevation:** 6,000 to 9,500 ft.



## Subalpine Fir

(*Abies lasiocarpa*)

**Bark:** Gray and smooth with resin blisters (young); shallow fissures and scaly (mature).

**Elevation:** 8,000 to 12,000 ft.



## Lodgepole Pine

(*Pinus contorta*)

**Bark:** Light brown, thin with many small scales.

**Elevation:** 6,000 to 11,000ft



## White Fir

(*Abies concolor*)

**Bark:** Light gray and smooth with resin blisters (young); deeply furrowed/corky ridges and orange cracks (mature).

**Elevation:** 7,900 to 10,200 feet.



## Engelmann Spruce

(*Picea engelmannii*)

**Bark:** Gray-brown, thick, with flaky scales.

**Elevation:** 8,000 to 11,000 feet.



## Piñon Pine

(*Pinus edulis*)

**Bark:** Gray, smooth and thin (young); red-brown, rough and furrowed into scaly ridges (mature)

**Elevation:** 5,200 to 9,000 ft.



## San Isabel National Forest





**2015  
SAN ISABEL NATIONAL FOREST  
LEADVILLE, SALIDA & SAN CARLOS RANGER DISTRICTS  
CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM**



**YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE PERMIT & TAG ALLOWS**

**YOU TO CUT AND REMOVE ONE CHRISTMAS TREE FROM THE NATIONAL FOREST**

Be sure you are on National Forest lands and not private, state or other federal lands.

Please follow these guides and rules. These rules are to help provide a quality experience to all during this holiday season:

**Do NOT cut in any timber sale area, campground, ski area, wilderness or trailhead area.**

- Chain saws are not permitted, use axe or hand saw.
- Do not top any trees. You may cut a tree up to 15 feet tall or 7 inches in diameter at the ground. Cut the tree at the ground and limb and scatter any unused portion. Please do not leave high stumps.
- Cut trees at least 50' from roads, trails or waterways.
- Attach permit tag to the main stem of the tree prior to transporting the tree.
- Please keep pets on a leash if you are near others.

**Be aware of the following road restrictions:**

- Certain roads have seasonal closures that take effect on December 1<sup>st</sup> annually. For Example; Lodgepole Flats near Leadville, Four Mile Travel Management area near Buena Vista, and Greenhorn area near Westcliffe. Check with the local Forest Service office if you are unsure of seasonal closures. Please do not violate any of these closures.
- The majority of Forest Service roads are not plowed. Forest Service roads will close once there is adequate snowfall, so snowmobile, skis or snowshoes will be needed in those areas. Please check with the local office for current road information. Please do not tear up the road surface or leave debris on the road by trying to go beyond the plowed section.

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON FROM THE STAFF OF THE SAN ISABEL NATIONAL FOREST!**

**Permit Sales:** Permits will be available for \$10 per tree on the San Carlos District beginning 11/9, Salida and Leadville beginning on 11/23 during normal business hours. Permit sales will end at all locations 12/24/14. The Supervisor's office in Pueblo will also have permits available. La Veta and Westcliffe guard stations will have some permits available as well on specific dates as posted locally. Permits are limited to 2 per family. **CASH (bills no large than \$20 if purchasing one tree) or CHECK are accepted.**

**District offices:**

***Leadville***

810 Front St.  
719-486-0749

***Salida***

5575 Cleora Rd.  
719-539-3591

***San Carlos***

3028 E. Main  
719-269-8500 Canon City  
719-783-2079 Westcliffe  
719-742-3681 La Veta